

## FLEECE BY BUNCO MEN.

Exciting Experience of a Butte City Barber With the Sharks of Gotham.

Cleverly Robbed of Fifteen Hundred Dollars by a Spurious Texan and His Pal.

He Turns Detective and Catches One of the Swindlers, But the Other Fellow Has the Money.

Richard Goebler, of Butte City, Mont., was at the Tombs to-day, says a New York dispatch of November 13. He had been robbed of \$1,500 by bunco steers. Goebler, who is a barber, accumulated a fortune out west and returned on a visit. November 1 last, while walking along Rodeo street, he was accosted by a stranger, to whom he gave his right name. Two blocks away he was accosted by another man, who called Goebler by his right name and introduced himself as John Davis, president of the First National Bank of Montana. Goebler accompanied his new-made acquaintance to a real estate office. While there a tall man entered. He said he was a cattle-dealer from Texas, and had been robbed. He had still \$17,000 left, however. He didn't know whom to trust or where to go, and he began to sob.

Goebler jumped up and said: "Trust me; I am an honest man; you can come to my lodgings; I am a western man."

The cattle dealer ejaculated: "How can you prove that you are an honest man?"

Goebler immediately produced a draft for \$1,500 on Clarke, Dodge & Co., of Wall street.

"That's a worthless piece of paper," responded the cattle dealer.

"I'll bet you \$50 that it isn't," said Goebler.

The cattle dealer took the bet and the money was deposited in the hands of George Johnson, who acted as clerk in the office.

Goebler at once proceeded to Wall street, accompanied by Davis, and had the draft cashed. They returned to the real estate office, and the money was counted out by Davis.

The cattle dealer pretended to pull out his money but suddenly he sprang at Davis and exclaimed, "That's my money!" and snatched it out of Davis' hands.

The two men ran out of the place and made their escape. Goebler attempted to follow, but he was seized by George Johnson, who held him, saying: "I'll have you arrested for gambling." Goebler ran out, but the men made good their escape.

The next morning Goebler went to police headquarters and had an interview with Supt. Murray. After a few moments' conversation the superintendent recognized Goebler, who twenty years ago shaved him while Goebler was a barber on Seventeenth street and the superintendent placed an officer at his service, but the officer failed to arrest the bunco men.

In the meantime, however, Goebler was his own detective, and disguised himself entirely. He had his beard shaved off. He bought an old suit of clothes and a slouch hat. He hired a room opposite the place where he was lured, and watched the place night and day.

This afternoon he was rewarded by seeing George Johnson coming out of the office, and he ran into the street and followed Johnson several blocks. Arriving at the corner of Bayard street and Bowery, he saw Officer Downing standing on the corner, and he approached him and said: "Arrest that man. Supt. Murray wants him."

The officer knowing Johnson to be of a suspicious nature, placed him under a arrest. He was taken to headquarters and then to the Tombs, where Judge Hogan, after hearing Goebler's story, held Johnson as an accessory, in default of \$2,000 bail, for examination.

Goebler was very excited, and felt indignant at himself for having been fooled. "I deserve," he said to Justice Hogan, "to be taken to the yard of this jail and lashed."

## Greatest Things on Earth.

J. C. Jones of Albany, N. Y., has raised a potato of the Burbank seedling variety, weighing 45 ounces—nearly three pounds and a half. The tuber measures 17½ inches one way and 11½ the other.

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